FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

EA Number: AZ-420-2005-014

Lease/Serial/Case File No. AZA 33029

BLM Office: Tucson Field Office- Las Cienegas NCA

Finding of No Significant Impact:

I have reviewed the environmental assessment, #AZ-420-2005-014 for Ron Izzo-Arizona Horseback Experience Special Recreation Permit Application including the explanation and resolution of any potentially significant environmental impacts. I have determined that the proposed action with the mitigation measures listed below will not have any significant impacts on the human environment and that an EIS is not required. I have determined that the proposed action is in conformance with the Las Cienegas Resource Management Plan approved in the Record of Decision dated July 2003.

Below are the substantive reasons for finding no significant impact:

• The Proposed Action is consistent with the recreation and other resource management goals, objective and decisions found in the Las Cienegas RMP.

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DECISION RECORD

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<u>Decision:</u> It is my decision to select the proposed action which authorizes Ron Izzo-Arizona Horseback Experience to conduct small scale commercial horseback rides in Las Cienegas NCA.

<u>Alternatives Considered:</u> The only alternative to the proposed action that was considered in the environmental assessment was the "No Action" alternative. The "No Action" Alternative was not selected because the proposed action is a small scale operation and the proposed action helps meet BLM's priorities for Recreation and Visitor Services.

Rational for Decision: The proposed action is specifically provided for in the Las Cienegas RMP. The environmental assessment analyzed the potential impacts to the environment and the public should the application be granted. A FONSI has been signed; therefore there are no significant impacts to the environment that would require an environmental impact statement. : By selecting the proposed action, the Tucson Field Office is implementing this portion of the Las Cienegas RMP.

<u>Mitigation Measures:</u> The Applicant will be issued the Tucson Field Office Terms / Conditions / Stipulations for Special Recreation Permits and will abide by the LCNCA RMP Decisions that relate to his operation.

per 43CFR 10.4(g):

"There will be no adverse energy impact".

Environmental Assessment –

"All Federal authorizations to carry out land use activities on Federal lands or tribal lands, including all leases and permits, must include a requirement for the holder of the authorization to notify the appropriate Federal or tribal official immediately upon discovery of human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects or objects of cultural patrimony pursuant to Sec. 10.4(b) of these regulations."

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